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REMARKABLE CURES,

OF

GOUTY, BILIOUS,

AND

NERVOUS CASES,

RELATED

By the PATIENTS themſelves, and publiſhed at their Deſire,

IN SUNDRY LETTERS

TO

JOHN SCOT, M. D.

Author of An ENQUIRY into the ORIGIN of the GOUT, *&c. &c. &c.*

Nec, quia deſperes invicti membra Glyconis,
Nodoſâ corpus nolis prohibere chiragrâ?
Eſt quodum prodire tenus, ſi non datur ultra.

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REMARKABLE CURES,

OF

GOUTY, BILIOUS and NERVOUS CASES.

From J. GELL, Esq. Captain in his Majesty's Navy.

Dear Doctor,

AS I am very soon going down to my ship, shall be obliged to you for a fresh supply of your pills, as they always carry off the fit, and in my case answer the intent; from the experience of three years never once found myself deceived. Whenever any symptoms appear of the Gout, five or six of the pills have generally carried off the gouty matter, and never found myself out of health, since I took them.

I am, dear Doctor, &c.

Your most humble servant,

London, June 30, 1780. J. GELL.

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From Mr. WATERHOUSE, *Cumberland-Houſe.*

SIR,

AFTER having been much afflicted with the head-ach, and a ſickneſs every morning, and frequently at other times of the day, particularly if I had walked too faſt; theſe complaints continued on me about the ſpace of two months, at the concluſion of which period, I was attacked with a fit of the Gout in my foot, which laſted about twenty hours, and then a ſwelling came on; the day after, my friend Mr. Shaw called on me, whoſe family have many of them been (to my knowledge) martyrs to the Gout, and he himſelf afflicted with it in the moſt violent degree; he told me of your pills, whoſe effects had relieved, when no other medicine had, though he had been under the care of the moſt eminent phyſicians; he likewiſe referred me to another acquaintance, who had experienced their ſalutary effects. In conſequence of this information, I wiſhed to try them myſelf; I took your pills, and found they had the effects my friend told me they would have; and in three or four days I was quite relieved: but the moſt extraordinary thing was, they had no effect on me, after the fit was quite gone; but being of a relaxed habit of body, I was ſubject to catch cold, which brought on the ſame Complaint, but on taking your pills again have been immediately relieved, therefore think it a duty incumbent on me to expreſs my obligations to you for ſo valuable a relief as they procured me, who am,

Your very humble ſervant,

London, June 28, 1780: W. WATERHOUSE.

From

From Mr. WILLIAM NAPIER, *Muſic-ſeller* to their Majeſties, in the *Strand*.

SIR,

I Had been for ſome years ſubject to the periodical attacks of a regular Gout, the fits of which ſometimes confined me for ſix weeks at a time, and each fit left me much weakened, and ſeemed to make very alarming alterations in my conſtitution. I firſt took your pills in the very commencement of a fit that ſeemed to threaten a ſevere confinement; but they diſcharged all the gouty matter in three days, and on the fourth day I found myſelf perfectly well; ſince that period, whenever I feel a threatening fit, I take a pill or two, which never fails to carry off every ſymptom of it. I therefore have taken every opportunity to recommend them to all my acquaintances, and hope for the good of thoſe that are troubled with this dreadful diſorder, that you may meet with the ſucceſs they deſerve,

I am, Sir,

Your much obliged ſervant,

London June 18, 1780. WILL. NAPIER.

From Mr. ROBERT SHAW, *Hoſier, Strand.*

SIR,

MY Father was very much afflicted with the Gout, and my brother died of an irregular Gout at York, at the age of forty-ſix; it is five years this month ſince I

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was ſeized ſuddenly with a moſt excruciating pain under the ſhort ribs of my right ſide; it was ſomewhat relieved by a glaſs of brandy, but ſoon returned with redoubled violence, extending like a cramp or ſpaſm all over my arms, ſhoulders and neck, ſo that I was unable to move even a finger without ſuffering the moſt dreadful agonies, as if the nerves and ſinews all over the parts afflicted were actually under immediate laceration; by direction of a phyſician of eminence I was blooded, which did not much relieve me, but ſome warm cordials, ordered afterwards by the ſame phyſician, made me perſpire a little, and at the end of twenty-four hours the pain abated; ſome ſmart purges which I took increaſed the relief; but for three days complete I was unable to leave my bed; and after all, the diſeaſe only ſeemed to change its ſtation, and fix in the ſtomach, neck and breaſt, extending as far as the ſhoulders; I was in danger of being choaked with wind; and an extraordinary ſwelling in all my veins, and ſenſe of ſtrangulation every half hour about my throat, together with ſo acute a pain extending acroſs my breaſt, from one ſhoulder to the other, that I remained fixed and rivitted in whatever ſpot I happened to be at the time I was ſeized; and three or four times in every night was obliged to jump out of bed, leſt I ſhould be ſtrangled, and to ſtand ſtill for a conſiderable time unable to move; for the leaſt motion exaſperated the force of the lacerating ſpaſm that ſeemed to tear to pieces every thing upon my breaſt, arms, and neck. In the courſe of four years I conſulted ſeveral of the moſt eminent phyſicians in London, and took a variety of other advice and abundance of medicines, but without any material abatement of my

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complaints, which were ſo much increaſed by eating or faſting, that for two hours after breakfaſt, and two hours before ſupper, I was in exceeding great diſtreſs. A little, however, before Chriſtmas, 1778, being ſeized with a pain in my great toe, all my uſual complaints vaniſhed, and whilſt my toe continued ſwelled and inflammed, I enjoyed a perfect reſpite from all the other pains; but all the former diſtreſſing ſymptoms returned as ſoon as the pain and ſwelling left my toe. In which unhappy ſtate I was when you took me under your care, almoſt unable to execute the duties of my profeſſion; every hour in every place, eſpecially in the ſtreet, if I had attempted to walk in cold weather, I was liable to be bound down by ſuch ſpaſms and ſtrangulations, that inſtantly deprived me of the power of moving any way, and I expected nothing but immediate ſuffocation. After taking your pills a few days, I found great relief, and I continued to take them according to your directions until they ceaſed to operate, and I was free from my diſtreſs: and when at any time, a ſudden change of weather, an accidental cold, or ſome other cauſe brings back my diſorder in any degree, three or four of your pills never fail to carry it off. This teſtimony of the efficacy of your remedy, I think myſelf obliged to give for the benefit of others, and in gratitude to you for that degree of health I at preſent enjoy

ROBERT SHAW.

From

From the Right Hon. Lord WILLIAM SEYMOUR.

BELIEVE me, dear Sir, I rejoice to ſee that you have been prevailed on to publiſh your moſt Excellent Remedy for the Gout, Bilious and Nervous Complaints; I ſhould think myſelf guilty of the higheſt ingratitude, were I not to acknowledge the great and moſt ſurpriſing benefit I have received from it, at the ſame time requeſting you to make ſuch uſe of this teſtimony of mine, as you ſhall think moſt proper.

I was for many years afflicted with violent pains in my ſtomach, with almoſt a conſtant ſickneſs, eſpecially after my meals; I applied to the Faculty in every part of the country where I chanced to be, but found only a temporary relief from their preſcriptions, and that of a ſhort duration. They all agreed that my complaint was bilious, but none of them hit on a remedy powerful enough to remove it. My diſorder increaſing, I put myſelf under the care of an old acquaintance and friend, a gentleman, whoſe experience and practice, as a phyſician, juſtly intitle him to be firſt in eſteem and reputation in Bath; I followed his preſcriptions for near three months at home, when he deſired me to come to Bath, and try the waters there; this I did for thirteen weeks, conſtantly drinking the waters and following his directions; my diſorder ſtill increaſed, and its dreadful and tedious effects, together with the great quantities of medicine I had taken, had ſo relaxed my nerves that I was ſcarce able to walk acroſs my room; in this ſituation I left Bath with little hopes of recovery, being told that I muſt no longer depend on the effects of medicine, and that change of air was the only thing left

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for relief. I had not been long at home before I moſt fortunately met with General Morris, who kindly liſtened to my complaints, and told me that he had once long laboured under the ſame diſorder, had ſeverely felt every ſymptom I complained of, and after conſulting the moſt eminent of the faculty, found no relief till he applied to you, who gave him ſome pills that in a ſhort time reſtored him to perfect health. The General, who in a few days afterwards went to London, moſt kindly waited on you with a deſcription of my caſe, and I received from you a box of pills with your directions how to conduct myſelf; after taking about ſix or ſeven of them, I diſcharged great quantities of bile, my ſpirits and ſtrength increaſed daily, and my ſleep (which I had long been a ſtranger to) was ſound and comfortable, in leſs than a month I was able to ride on horſe-back ten or a dozen miles without fatigue, my appetite returned, and my food, which before ſerved only to breed phlegm, now digeſted, and nouriſhed me; I now enjoy better health than I have for many years, and when I find any returns of my complaint, it is leſs violent, and a pill or two certainly removes it.

I am, dear Sir,

With ſincere reſpect and eſteem,

Your grateful and affectionate humble ſervant,

July 5, 1780. WILLIAM SEYMOUR.

From the Honourable *Major General* MURRAY, M. P.
&c. &c.

Dear Sir,

AS I underſtand you are going to diſpoſe of your pills in a more publick manner than you have hitherto done, I think it but juſtly due to their merits, to render my teſtimony of the benefit I have not only myſelf derived from them, but alſo a variety of perſons of all ages both in America and this country, labouring under Gouty, Bilious and Nervous Complaints, to whom during the courſe of ſeven years, I have adminiſtered them, and from whom I never failed to receive thanks for the relief I helped them to.

From a ſevere gun-ſhot wound I contracted a bad ſtate of health, accompanied with a variety of diſagreeable ſymptoms, and amongſt others, a frequent and painful acidity in the ſtomach and a conſtant pain in the ball of the left thumb, attended with ſmall livid ſpots ; and this pain was always ſevereſt, when the acidity and other complaints in my ſtomach raged the moſt : for eight years I never was entirely free from theſe diſorders. I conſulted ſeveral eminent phyſicians, with little advantage, and without obtaining from any of them a ſatisfactory account of the nature of my diſorder, although by my own obſervation I was enabled to deſcribe to them an evident affinity between the complaints in my ſtomach, and the pain in the ball of my thumb, becauſe when, according to my cuſtom, I took a couple of table ſpoonfuls of magneſia, the pain in my thumb

thumb became very moderate and only juſt perceptable.

You may recollect that about ſeven years ago, one morning when you came to breakfaſt with me, you found me extremely ill, and that of that worſt kind of illneſs which effects the ſpirits, as well as the body; you immediately told me I was loaded with bile, that if I was inclined to make the experiment, you would anſwer for it, that in leſs than forty-eight hours I ſhould be perfectly relieved; I accordingly took ſome of your pills and they relieved me within the time you mentioned; I continued to take one pill every night for the ſpace of ten days, and from that period I never had a return of the pain in my thumb. Whenever I find an uneaſineſs in my ſtomach, I take one of your pills for the ſpace of three or four nights, and they never fail to remove it.

Wiſhing you therefore every ſucceſs,

I am, with eſteem, dear Sir,

Your moſt ſincere and obedient ſervant,

London, June 6, 1780. JAMES MURRAY.

From

From Sir WILLIAM, MURRAY, Bart.

Dear Sir,

THE Cough and pain in my breaſt are almoſt gone, but if they recur, I ſhall obſerve your directions, and till they be perfectly gone, I ſhall eat little meat; I muſt beg you will ſend me a box of pills once in five weeks at leaſt: as I cannot think of at any time allowing myſelf entirely to run out of the only medicine which ever gave me real or laſting relief, after having for years tried all that have been preſcribed for me by the ableſt phyſicians in this country and on the continent; and I cannot come upon this ſubject without returning you my hearty thanks for the degree of health I enjoy, and which I had given over hopes of ever attaining, as well as from the ill ſucceſs of all other preſcriptions, as from the conviction I had that all but yourſelf had miſtaken my caſe, in not admitting it to be a flying Gout. Believe me,

Dear Sir, your's ſincerely,

May 14, 1780. W. M.

Lieutenant General MORRRS, M. P. *&c. &c.*

WAS ſubject to frequent attaeks of a regular Gout in the extremities, which were always preceeded by complaints in his ſtomach; ſometimes he had ſymptoms which were deemed Bilious, and ſometimes he was ſeized with the moſt violent ſpaſms and cramps in his ſtomach,

mach, having all the appearance of an inflammation of that part; being of an athletic, muſcular make, and of remarkable activity in his profeſſion, the confinement which theſe illneſſes occaſioned, became intolerable to him. About five years ago, he began to take the pills, has occaſionally taken them according to the printed directions ever ſince, and is at preſent not only freed from every ſymptom of Gout, or diſorder in his ſtomach, but poſſeſſes an uninterupted ſtate of health in every reſpect.

From Mrs. MACAULAY, *Vauxhall.*

SIR,

I REJOICE much, to hear that you are making your valuable pills public. I am alſo told, that many of your patients are giving you their Caſes, to publiſh for the good of Mankind. If my teſtimony can be of any ſervice even to one of my ſuffering fellow-creatures, I give it with a hearty good will.

From a ſendentary life and a variety of diſagreeable events, I became ſubject to nervous complaints, and others, that by Gentlemen of the Faculty were termed Bilious; the firſt were generally followed by the laſt; that is, after being diſtreſſed with tremor, depreſſion of ſpirits, want of ſleep, &c. theſe ſymptoms terminated in acute pains in the ſtomach and bowels. I applied to phyſicians of the firſt eminence, and the laſt gentleman that attended me is at this time amongſt the firſt and moſt diſtinguiſhed of the profeſſion in London; but without the leaſt relief. One

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evening, in an agony of pain, having ſeen them taken by an infant of five years old, I took one of your pills, which in a quarter of an hour removed my pains, and compoſed all the agitations of my nerves: and the ſame happy effect they have never failed to produce ever ſince, which is now five years. Their operation ſeems to be that of an opiate with me, for they very ſeldom purge, yet at the ſame time I muſt obſerve, that the leaſt particle of opium has at all times the effect of diſcompoſing rather than compopoſing my nerves, ſo that I am convinced there is nothing of that drug in the pills.

I am, Sir,

Your much obliged humble ſervant,

Vauxhall, July 16, 1781. M. M.

From Mr. J. BROOKS, *Clothier*.

SIR,

BEING informed that many of your patients are ſending you their Caſes, I am happy to have the opportunity of offering mine, with my requeſt, that it may be made public. I have for ſome years been ſubject to the attacks of a regular Gout, the fits of which confined me near ſix weeks at a time, each fit left me much weakened, and the diſeaſe ſeemed to be making very alarming alterations in my conſtitution. I have taken your pills in the very commencement of a fit that ſeem'd to threaten a ſevere confinement, and they diſcharged all the gouty mat-

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ter in a few days, and I was able to go about my buſineſs as uſual. I therefore have taken every opportunity of recommending them to all my acquaintances, and hope for the good of thoſe that are troubled with this dreadful diſorder, that your pills may meet with the ſucceſs they deſerve. I am, Sir, your much obliged humble ſervant,

Melkſham, March 21, 1781. J. BROOKS.

Cumberland-Houſe, Pall-Mall, March 26, 1781.

SIR,

PERMIT me to acknowledge the great benefit I have received from your pills; and I think it a duty incumbent on me to make the caſe known for the good of others.

About nine years ago I began to be troubled with the Gout, ſince that, have had many regular fits, which have confined me ſometimes longer and ſometimes ſhorter; by the recommendation of a friend, I began to uſe your pills, ſince which time they have never failed to carry off the firſt ſymptoms of the diſorder, and it has never in the leaſt confined me.

From the certain proof of the good effect of your pills, I ſhall take every opportunity to recommend them.

I am, Sir, your moſt humble ſervant,

WM. GRAY.

H. WILLOUGHBY, Eſq. *Attorney at Law.*

SIR,

I AM told you are going to publiſh another edition of your patients caſes, and I am happy to offer you mine with

with my requeſt that it may be made public. About April laſt, I was ſeized with a violent giddineſs in my head, a loſs of appetite, and an amazing waſte of fleſh, with a total relaxation of my nerves; in this ſtate I was not able to ride a mile from my houſe, and almoſt incapable of tranſacting my buſineſs which is that of an Attorney--I fortunately heard of the efficacy of your pills from ſome perſons who had taken them in the neighbourhood, and immediately ſent you a ſtate of my caſe, requeſting you, that if you thought they would be of ſervice to me you would ſend me a box, which you did. I had not taken them a fortnight, before I found amazing benefit, as my ſtrength began to return, and I was in leſs than three weeks able to ride about and tranſact my buſineſs as uſual. Whenever I have found the leaſt return of my diſorder, which has been but ſeldom, I have had recourſe to your pills, and found immediate relief. I now enjoy good health, and find myſelf more active than I have been for many years paſt, and am, with gratitude,

Your moſt ſincere ahd obedient ſervant,

Melkſham, Wilts, Feb. 19, 1781. H. WILLOUGHBY.

SIR,

I HAD been long troubled with a violent pain in my ſtomach, and a ſwimming in my head; the ſwimming in my head was ſo very alarming to me that I have been oftentimes under the neceſſity of catching hold of ſomething to ſave me from falling; for theſe complaints I had advice from ſome very eminent medical people, but without receiving any benefit. Two years ago I was ſeized with the Gout in my great toe, which cauſed my foot and

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ancle to ſwell very much; and while the Gout continued there I was entirely free from my former complaints: at this time a friend of mine, who had been afflicted with the Gout, called to ſee me, and adviſed me to take your Pills, and accordingly ſent me a box that day, together with a printed direction how to uſe them; I took one that night going to bed, and after taking four or five more, I was able to walk about my room, and three days afterwards to go abroad, as uſual, about my buſineſs; ſince that period, when by catching cold, by ſudden change of weather, or by little irregularities, my old complaints in my ſtomach and head ſeem to threaten to return upon me, a few of your pills always carry them off, and ſet me perfectly to rights, and I never enjoyed better health than at preſent; and if this teſtimony can be of any uſe to you, you have my free permiſſion to make it public, and I will myſelf take every opportunity of recommending them to thoſe who ſtand in need of them.

I am, Sir,

Your much obliged humble ſervant,

Stafford-Row, near Buckingham-Gate,

March 29, 1781. MALM. MACPHERSON.

From Captain STAWELL.

IN the year ſeventy-four, I was attack'd with the Gout, and ſome fits that ſince have been ſo ſevere as to confine me for months, one indeed for ſix. In the intervals between the regular fits, I have been occaſionally plagued with a variety of Complaints in my ſtomach, bowels, and head, all which I ſuppoſed to originate from a flying Gout, as they all vaniſhed during a regular Paroxyſm of the Gout.

About a year ago, I accidentally met with your Treatiſe on this diſorder, and finding your Theſes to correſpond with my complaints exactly, began to take your pills. They have produced the effect you deſcribe in your book, one never failed to clear my ſtomach which was formerly ſo diſtreſſed: nor to ſhake off any attack on my feet, which has been made three or four times during the laſt year.

About three weeks ago, I was ſeized with a regular and violent attack on my foot; by taking two pills, I was enabled to travel near two hundred mile s; but ſhortly after my arrival in town, I catched cold and exerciſed too much and was again laid up. The diſorder having now arrived at a criſis, and being regularly eſtabliſhed in my foot, I had the moſt complete opportunity of trying the virtue of your pills. The evacuation from even one pill, has been monſtrous, tho' neither my ſpirits nor ſtrength were ever diminiſhed by it. I continued, however, to take one almoſt every night. The diſcharge ſubſided in proportion as I got ſtrength in my foot, 'till at laſt, the pill produced little or no effect; then, Sir, I was perfectly cured. This fit has laſted but eight days, was never violent, nor confined me an hour to my bed; and I am convinced that without the enormous diſcharge, which the pill produced, I ſhould have ſuffered as ſeverely as formerly, which was as much as man could ſuſſer.

My caſe may do you as much credit as any you have publiſhed. I beg you may make uſe of it as you think proper, and that you will believe me, Sir,

Your grateful and moſt obedient ſervant,

EUST. STAWELL,

Late Captain in the 44th Regiment. *May*

May 2.

I forgot a moſt material information, which is, that through the ſeverity of the Gout, I was obliged to quit the ſervice, having with difficulty done my duty in America, as ſoon as the winter ſeaſon came on; and I was ſo crippled from the ſeverity and length of fits, that I could ſcarcely walk.

From Colonel SHERRIFF—Copy.

Dear Sir,

I Shall, with very great pleaſure, embrace every opportunity to give my teſtimony in favour of the ſafety and efficacy of your pills: they have been of infinite ſervice to me, having cured me of a bilious diſorder, with which I had been oppreſſed for more than twenty years, without receiving any relief worth mentioning, although in that time I conſulted Phyſicians of the higheſt reputation; your pills have removed all my complaints, and you are welcome to make what uſe you pleaſe of this recent proof of their good effects; and

I remain, Sir, your obliged ſervant,

Old Alresford, Hants,
Nov. 24, 1781. WILLIAM SHERRIFF.

From Captain HANDFIELD, late of the 40th Regiment of Foot.

SIR,

FOR above eight years I ſuffered the moſt painful and diſtracting ſymptoms of a flying unformed Gout, which attacked my head, breaſt, neck and every part of my

my body in ſucceſſion; and when fixed in my head, which was frequently the caſe for months together, I not only endured the ſevereſt torture, but was deprived of memory, judgement and ſleep. It is impoſſible for me to enumerate all that was inefectually preſcribed, and all the means I in vain uſed to obtain relief, I had long diſpaired when I was perſuaded by Colonel Sherriff, to try your pills, which in a very ſhort time, to my unſpeakable happineſs, and the aſtoniſhment of all my friends and acquaintance, removed every complaint; ſome imprudencies having again occaſioned a relapſe, I have a ſecond time been ſo much relieved by your remedy, that I have not a doubt but it will compleat the cure as ſoon as this unkindly weather is over. You may uſe this teſtimony as you pleaſe, to encourage others to try the medicine by which I have been ſo ſingularly benefited. I am Sir, yours, &c.

Guildford, December 4, 1781. E. HANDFIELD.

From Miſs C. MITFORD.

SIR,

HAVING long been troubled with a variety of bilious and nervous complaints, of a very diſtreſſing, ſingular, and alarming nature; and having, without the leaſt benefit, uſed great abundance of medicines, and other means recommended by Phyſicians of the higheſt character, I was reduced ſo low that, not without reaſon, my recovery was deſpaired of by all my acquaintance. But I am happy to tell you, that your pills have been of infinite ſervice to me, and that I have now hardly any ſymptoms remaining of my former diſorders.

I ever remain, Sir, your moſt humble ſervant,

Guildford, Nov. 21, 1781. C. MITFORD.

From

From the Right Honorable Lady AUGUSTA MURRAY.

SIR,

I AM happy on every occaſion to acknowledge the benefit I have received from your advice. I ſhall be extremely ſo, if by ſuch my acknowledgements I can be of any ſervice to you. After having been for two years much afflicted with Bilious and Nervous diſorders, and having tried the preſcriptions of other phyſicians, and a foreign climate, without obtaining any relief, I was, in the courſe of a few weeks reſtored to health, by the uſe of your medicines, to which I always have recourſe when any ſymptoms of the above diſorders threaten me.

I am, Sir, your humble ſervant,

Ochtertyre, Nov. 26, 1781. AU. MURRAY.

From MICHAEL BRUCE, Eſq. Son of Sir MICHAEL BRUCE, Bart.

SIR,

FOR many years I was afflicted with complaints which by the Phyſicians I conſulted, were ſometimes term'd Bilious, ſometimes Nervous, and ſometimes thought to proceed from an irregular Gout; my chief diſtreſs aroſe from a depreſſion of ſpirits, without almoſt any reſpite, and which, together with a conſtant watchfulneſs hardly ever being able to ſleep, rendered life a burden to me; in this way you found me; I took your pills, and in the courſe of three weeks I had not a ſymptom of all my former illneſs. What is very remarkable, the pills operated like an opiate, procuring me the very firſt night I took them ſound and refreſhing ſleep.

I ever remain, Sir, your obedient ſervant,

MICHAEL BRUCE.

From Mr. CROOK, *Coach-Maker, Queen-Street, Lincoln's-Inn-Fields.*

SIR,

FOR many years I have been ſubject to a rheumatic Gout, which gradually increaſed in the ſeverity and length of its attacks; inſomuch that laſt year I was not a ſingle day free from it, and ſix months of that time I was confined to my bed; in the courſe of this ſevere illneſs I was attended by gentlemen of the faculty, and took an infinite quantity of drugs, but without being ſenſible that I was benefited by any thing that was done for me; In June laſt I was again ſeized with my cruel diſorder, and had been confined ſeveral days, when a gentleman of rank and faſhion, for whom I was doing ſome buſineſs, with great marks of friendſhip adviſed me to ſend for you; I did ſo, and by following your advice in point of diet, and taking one of your pills every night, I was able to go out to my buſineſs in the courſe of eighteen or twenty days; and from the firſt, the pills gave me infinite relief, by abating my pains, and procuring me ſome refreſhing ſleep every night. You are welcome to add this caſe of mine to thoſe you have already printed, that thoſe who may be ſuffering in the ſame unhappy way, may know where to find relief.

I ever remain, Sir,

Your moſt obedient, and obliged humble ſervant,

October 1, 1782. THOMAS CROOK.

From WILLIAM MASTERMAN, Eſq. M. P. &c. &c.

SIR,

I Had your favour on my return from an excurſion weſt of this place; my thanks are due for your kind enquires

quiries after my health; I attribute my recovery entirely to the medicine you adminiſtered to me, and the regimen you recommended, which I have hitherto punctually adhered to; my ſtrength is greatly reſtored to me, tho' I do not grow much in fleſh.

I have taken but two of the pills at different times ſince I have been here, diſcovering ſome ſymptoms like thoſe you pointed to, and in that caſe recommended them to be repeated; they had the moſt perfect effect, and left me with the ſame advantages I had before experienced. Many who had been witneſſes of my recovery, and who laboured under complaints like what mine were, have had the uſe of the pills no longer neceſſary to me; and others have, I believe, procured them from you in London; the accounts I have are very flattering, and I make no doubt as thoſe benefits are more generally known and experienced, you will receive a ſuitable reward for the merits of your moſt valuable medicine. If my name can, in your opinion, be ſerviceable, you are at liberty to uſe it.

I am, Sir,

Your very faithful and

obedient humble ſervant,

Trinity, October 1, 1782. W. MASTERMAN.

Mr. Maſterman's caſe was a gouty conſumption, conſtant cough, and ſpitting of blood, total want of appetite, and of ſleep, which, in the courſe of two years, had brought him very low indeed—he was cured in ſix weeks by the diet and pills, and continues in perfect health.

From

From the Rev. Mr. JOHN HARRISON, Rector of *Bighton* in *Hants*.

SIR,

AS I learn by a particular friend of yours, that you have another edition of your gouty and bilious caſes in the preſs, I think myſelf bound in juſtice to yourſelf, as well as humanity to the afflicted part of the public, to give you a particular account of the very ſingular ſucceſs with which your pills have been attended in my own family.—The caſe alluded to is ſimply this: An old lady about ſeventy years of age (mother of my wife) who for thirteen years paſt has been ſo cruelly tormented with the gout, as to be frequently confined (particularly for the laſt five or ſix years) for two months at a time to her chamber and bed. After a very ſlow recovery from a moſt ſevere fit, which had confined her to her room for nine weeks in the ſpring of 1781; finding, about the month of October following, the alarming ſymptoms of a freſh attack, I adviſed her to make an immediate trial of your pills, of which I had ſeen ſuch happy effects in a worthy neighbour of mine.—Her left hand at this time was rapidly ſwelling on the back part, and by the next morning had got nearly to the bend of the elbow. In this ſituation (after much perſuaſion) ſhe conſented to take one of your pills: a moſt painful night on that, and the two following, ſucceeded the inflammation as uſual, but not the leaſt advance farther towards the elbow, either of the ſwelling or inflammation; tho', on moſt former occaſions, the ſame period of time had, generally ſpeaking, confined her to her bed. The only perceptible effect the

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Pills had, was that of promoting a gentle perſpiration in the feet, when to the great ſurprize of herſelf (as well as the whole family) after taking only nine Pills, the fit, which wore at firſt ſo threatning an aſpect, entirely diſappeared, ſhe recovered in a few days the uſe of her hand, and what is ſtill more extraordinary, though before almoſt incapacitated from walking even on the ſoft turf of a garden-walk, ſhe has ſo far recovered ſtrength, from the intire abſence of the gout, ever ſince the taking of your pills, as to be able to walk with eaſe to herſelf on ſmooth ground almoſt every day when the weather permits. I ſhould have mentioned, that the gouty ſwellings in the joints of the fingers, &c. are greatly reduced, and the thumb of the right hand, which had been nearly rigid for ſome years, is become ſo far pliable, as to be now uſed with eaſe. Such, Sir, are the truly wonderful effects of your invaluable pills, as falling under my own particular notice and obſervation. You would have had a much earlier acknowledgement of their happy effects, had I not choſe to have waited the reſult of one clear year, in order to obviate the objection, which might otherwiſe have been made reſpecting the reiterated force of the next attack. As yet we have had no ſymptoms of a return, and whenever it happens ſhall have recourſe with confidence to your pills. If you think the above plain account of a real matter of fact, can be of any uſe in recommending them to the attention of the afflicted, you have my permiſſion to add this to the reſt of your patients caſes. I have only to add my beſt wiſhes, that your excellent pills may meet with the general ſucceſs they ſo juſtly merit, and ſubſcribe myſelf with great reſpect,

Sir, Your (unknown) humble ſervant,

JOHN HARRISON.
Rector of *Bighton* in *Hants.*

Bighton near Alresford,
Nov. 5, 1782.

From the Dowager Lady BAMPFYLDE.

SIR, *Piccadilly, Sept.* 9, 1783.

BEING perfectly reſtored to health by your excellent medicine, if your adding the following account to thoſe letters you have already publiſhed, can be of any ſervice, it will make me extremely happy, as I ſhall ever embrace every opportunity of expreſſing my grateful acknowledgments of the efficacy of your pills.

It is about twenty-five years ſince I felt the firſt attack of a diſorder which has greatly diſtreſſed me ever ſince. Sometimes I experienced all kinds of nervous agitations, languors and depreſſion of ſpirits. When it affected my head I was ſeized with giddineſs, excruciating pain, which for a time deprived me of my eye-ſight and hearing; on my breaſt it oppreſt me with an aſthma, whieh prevented me from uſing any excerciſe. It produced a ſwelling in my ſtomach, and in my throat, with a conſtant contraction and uneaſineſs in my bowels, and pain in my loins—On my legs it brought a ſwelling ſo great and ſo fixed, that it was pronounced a confirmed dropſy, and treated as ſuch.

As I had, without ſucceſs, tried almoſt every medicine, and being more than ſixty years of age, I almoſt deſpaired of getting any relief; but hearing of your pills, I determined to try them, and under your direction, as you informed me that all my complaints proceeded from an irregular or rather unformed gout. The firſt pill procured me more eaſe than I had experienced for twenty-years—the ſecond brought on a ſmall but regular fit of the gout, on both feet and one hand. It is now but a fortnight ſince I firſt applied to you, and after taking nine of your pills, I am in better health, ſtrength, and ſpirits, than I have enjoyed for thirty-years, and my appetite, and reſt,

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perfectly reſtored. Whenever I again find the leaſt ſymptom of my former complaints, I ſhall have recourſe to your pills, and moſt ſincerely hope you will meet with all the ſucceſs you ſo juſtly merit. I am, your humble ſervant,

J. BAMPFYLDE.

From Captain HANDFIELD, late of the 40th Regiment of Foot. [Second Letter *.]

SIR,

AS I think the teſtimony I ſent you formerly may not appear thoroughly ſatisfactory to thoſe to whom I am not known, I take the liberty of ſending you the following, which I wiſh to have inſerted in your next edition of caſes.

I have taken your pills with the hoped for ſucceſs; being now in as perfect health, as I was ten years ago, with this difference only, that I am more ſuſceptible of cold than I was when younger, which obliges me to have recourſe to the pills every month or ſix weeks, and after taking them a few nights I am quite ſet up again. I beg leave to return you my ſincere thanks for your humane attention to me during my illneſs, by which you have recovered me from death's-door, as all my acquaintance can teſtify. I am, Sir, with the utmoſt gratitude,

Guildford, Your obliged and obedient ſervant,

June 13, 1783. E. HANDFIELD.

From Mr. HENRY COLES, one of the Clerks of the Houſe of Commons.

WHEN I applied to you, my chief complaints were a violent depreſſion of ſpirits, a ſwimming in my head,

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* For Captain Handfield's firſt letter, ſee p. 19.

head, a ſtrong pulſation on the brain, near the crown of my head; at all times a difficulty in collecting my ideas, and often a very alarming loſs of memory, that ſeemed to threaten the very worſt and moſt dreadful conſequences that can happen to a rational being. In this melancholly way I had been for nine years, in which time I had tried all that the moſt eminent of the faculty could do for me, and even every quack medicine that promiſed relief in nervous diſorders; but all without the ſmalleſt ſucceſs.

Under your own direction, I took your pills, and altho' I have taken only two boxes, I thank God I find hardly any remains of all my former complaints, except from the fatigue of buſineſs and cloſe confinement upon extraordinary occaſions. The operation of the pills has been ſo very gentle with me, that I have never been ſenſible of any other effect than a very moderate increaſe of perſpiration.

I am, Sir, your humble ſervant, HENRY COLES.

A Liſt of Symptoms which ariſe from a diſordered State of the Nerves, but not Gouty.

WIND in the ſtomach and inteſtines, heart-burning, ſour belchings, ſqueamiſhneſs, and vomiting of watery ſtuff; tough phlegm, or a black liquor like the grounds of coffee; want of appetite and uncommon craving for food, and indigeſtion or debility; faintneſs and ſenſe of great emptineſs about the ſtomach when hungry; a ſtrong deſire for rare and uncommon ſorts of food, or for things that can afford no nouriſhment; a viſible ſwelling or inflammation of the ſtomach, eſpecially after eating; ſometimes with cramps in that viſcus; an oppreſſion about the præcordia; an uneaſy tho' not painful ſenſation about the ſtomach, attended with low ſpirits, anxiety and ſometimes great timidity;

timidity; ſtrong pulſations within the belly; ſpaſms in the bowels and diſtenſions of ſeveral portions of them; violent colic pains; a rumbling noiſe from wind paſſing through the inteſtines; the body ſometimes too lax, oftner bound; pains in the back and belly, reſembling thoſe of the nephiritic kind; a ſenſe of irritation and heat in the neck of the bladder and urethra, with a frequent deſire to make water; a great diſcharge of limpid urine, at other times a frequent ſpitting. Sudden fluſhes of heat over the whole body; ſhiverings, a ſenſe of cold in certain parts, as if water was poured on them; at other times an unuſual glow; flying pains in the arms and limbs; a troubleſome pain in the back and between the ſhoulders; pains, attended with hot ſenſation, ſhifting, often from the ſides or back to the interior parts of the abdomen; cramps, or convulſive motions of the muſcles, or of a few of their fibres; ſudden ſtartings of the legs and arms; almoſt conſtant involuntary motions of the muſcles of the neck and head, or arms and legs; a general convulſion, affecting at once the ſtomach, bowels, throat, legs, arms, and indeed almoſt the whole members of the body, in which the patient ſtruggles as in a violent epileptic fit; long faintings, in ſome caſes following one another after ſhort intervals; palpitations or trembling of the heart; the pulſe very variable, frequently natural; ſometimes uncommonly ſlow, at other times quick; oftener ſmall than full, and on certain occaſions irregular and intermitting; a dry cough, with difficulty of breathing with a conſtriction of the lungs, ſometimes returning periodically, yawning, the hiccup, frequent ſighings and a ſenſe of ſuffocation as if from a ball or lump in the throat; fits of crying and convulſive laughing; although in the day time the patients are more generally pretty cool, and

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the pulſe ſometimes ſlower than natural, yet in the night, eſpecially in the time of ſleep, hot fluſhings often ſpread over the whole body; the pulſe becomes quicker and ſtronger, and a faintneſs or ſome degree of ſickneſs at the ſtomach is felt.

A giddineſs, eſpecially after riſing up haſtily; pains in the head ſometimes returning periodically; a violent pain in a ſmall part of the head, not larger than a ſhilling, as if a nail was driven into it; ſinging in the ears; a dimneſs of ſight and appearance of a thick miſt, without any viſible fault of the eyes. Objects are ſometimes ſeen double, and unuſual ſmells are perceived; obſtinate watchings, attended ſometimes with uneaſineſs which is not to be deſcribed, but which is leſſened by getting out of bed; diſturbed ſleep; frightful dreams; the night-mare; ſometimes drowſineſs and too great inclination to ſleep, fear, peeviſhneſs, ſadneſs, deſpair; at other times high ſpirits; wandering thoughts, impaired memory, ridiculous fancies; ſtrange perſuaſions of their labouring under diſeaſes of which they are quite free, and imagining their complaints to be as dangerous as they find them tronbleſome; they are often angry with thoſe who would convince them of their miſtake.

Patients, after having been long afflicted with many of theſe ſymptoms (for all of them never happened to any one perſon) ſometimes fall into melancholly, madneſs, the black jaundice, a dropſy, tympany, conſumption, palſy, apoplexy, or ſome other fatal diſtemper.

Symptoms imputed to irregular and wandering Gout.

Flying pains, ſpaſmodic contraction, and ſudden ſenſations of heat and cold, in the muſcles and exteriour parts of the body. A want of appetite and two great cra-

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ving and faintneſs: a nauſea or vomiting, flatulent ſwellings, rumbling in the bowels, watching, low ſpirits, cramps, convulſions, and violent pains in the ſtomach and bowels. An increaſed ſecretion of ſalvia, from an irritation of the veſſels of the ſalivary glands; a ball of wind in the throat; a ſpaſmodic aſthma in the lungs; palpitations and irregular motions in the heart; an exceſſive flow of pale urine, or ſometimes nephritic pains in the kidneys; a hemicrania or pain in one half of the head; the calvus hyſtericus, or ſhooting pains in the head. Beſides theſe, I have ſeen many other ſymptoms occaſioned by an imperfect or an irregular gout; ſuch as delirium or mania; an inflammation in one of the tonſils of the throat; a troubleſome dyſuria, or frequent deſire to make water; a violent itching between the toes; a ſevere pain about the cartilago enſiformis, or breaſt bone, returning twice or thrice a day, eſpecially upon any ſtrong affection of the mind or effort of the body, and ſometimes attended with a painful ſenſation in the middle of each arm; a ſenſe of burning heat over the ſurface of the body, except the legs, while in the mean time the ſkin was ſcarcely ſenſibly hotter than in a ſtate of health, and the pulſe was under eighty in a miuute. In one patient I met with a ſlight, but frequent returning gonorrhæa, from a gouty humour falling in the veſſels of the urethra; and in an other, an uneaſy itching of the ſcrotum. I have ſeen threc caſes of a ſharp pain in the teſticles, from the ſame cauſe. In one of theſe there was a conſiderable ſwelling along with the pain, both which went off upon the gout coming into both the feet.

All this is confirmed by obſerving that perſons, who have been but little troubled before with theſe ſymptoms, commonly called nervous, upon the rheumatic, or rather gouty

gouty pains, leaving their feet, hands or loins, have been ſeized with an irregular intermitting pulſe, giddineſs, faintneſs, difficulty in breathing, nauſea, vomiting, flatulency in the ſtomach and bowels, depreſſion of ſpirits, and other ſymptoms of the like kind.

Such complaints, if the patient has been ſubject to the gout, or has gouty relations, are juſtly imputed to the gouty matter leaving the extremities, and fixing on the head, or viſcera of the breaſt or belly.

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